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Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals, 12th Street Lobby
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation
IB Docket No. 01-185

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, October 9, 2002, David Otten, Chairman & CEO of Celsat America, Inc. ("Celsat"), together with John Quale and the undersigned of this firm, met with Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy and her Legal Advisor, John Branscome. At the meeting, Celsat reiterated its view that the FCC should permit MSS licensees to incorporate an ancillary terrestrial component (ATC) into their satellite networks as soon as possible. Celsat also stated its position – as reflected in its comments in this proceeding – that the proposed conditions on the use of ATC set forth in the FCC's *Flexible Use NPRM* are sufficient to ensure that ATC remains truly ancillary to the satellite service.

In accordance with Section 1.49(f)(1) of the Commission's rules, an electronic version of this letter is being submitted for inclusion in the docket listed above. Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Brian Weimer

cc: Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy
John Branscome